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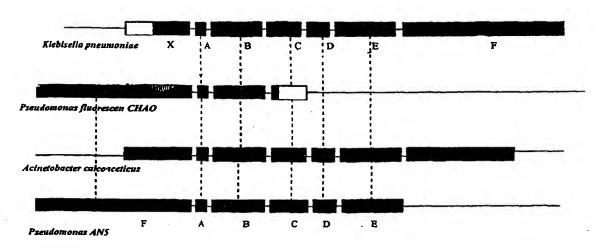
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## (57) Abstract

A method of preventing or treating infection by a range of fungal pathogens in an animal or plant or stored plant product comprising administering an effective amount of a sugar acid, in particular mannonic acid, gluconic acid or galacturonic. The sugar acid can be delivered by a biocontrol that can manufacture the sugar acid. An exemplified biocontrol is Pseudomonas strain AN5, which is characterized by the capacity to convert aldose to sugar acid. Also disclosed are nucleotide sequences from enzymes in the Pseudomonas PQQ enzyme pathway which may be used to transform microorganisms and plants so that they produce sugar acids at levels sufficient to control the growth or viability of pathogens.